

Northern Hills Drug Court

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New Faces of Northern Hills Drug Court

KEVIN KRULL

Meade County State's Attorney



Kevin Krull, is a Watertown native, graduated from the University of Florida College of Law in 1997 with his Juris Doctorate Degree after having served our country as an Aviation Officer in the United States Army from 1987 to 1991.

He began his legal career in 1997 as a law clerk for the Honorable Charles Kornmann for the United States District Court in Pierre, SD. When he returned to his home town of Watertown he began his private practice and within a few short years commenced his career as a prosecutor for the citizens of South Dakota as the Deputy State's Attorney for Codington County.

He and his family moved to the Black Hills in 2003, where he furthered his desire to continue prosecuting by becoming the Deputy State's Attorney in Pennington County, SD. He prosecuted major felonies ranging from homicide and sexual assault to controlled substance crimes and subsequently achieved the position of Chief Deputy State's Attorney which included supervision of (twelve Deputy State's Attorneys and support staff).

In 2008, Kevin and his family returned to Pierre where he served as Assistant United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota, prosecuting federal law violations. He was appointed Meade County State's Attorney on September 2, 2011. He has been a member of the Northern Hills Drug Court since 2011.

KASEY SORENSEN

Meade County Deputy State's Attorney

Deputy State's Attorney Kasey Sorensen became a Drug Court Team Member in July 2011. She is originally from the Black Hills area. After graduating high school she attended South Dakota State University and graduated in December 2003 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and minored in Criminal Justice and Political Science.

She attended the University of South Dakota Law School and graduated in 2007 returning to the Black Hills. She commenced her career as a prosecutor for the citizens of South Dakota as a Deputy State's Attorney in Meade County. She honored to join the Drug Court Team and has enjoyed her involvement with the team and participants. She comments "We all rise when an individual immersed in addiction uses the tools and guidance provided by Drug Court to recover and become a contributing member of society and reunite with their children."





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Meade County Jail
Pennington County 24/7 Program
... And the many others that support the Northern Hills
Drug Court.

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Mission Statement

The Northern Hills Drug Court's mission is to increase community safety, foster healthy families, and proficiently utilize public funds. This will be accomplished by streamlining and coordinating services to felony offenders whose crimes are substantially related to the abuse or dependence upon a controlled substance with a primary consideration given to methamphetamine abuse or dependence. The Northern Hills Drug Court will increase long term abstinence by holding offenders accountable and ultimately reducing drug-related crimes.



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Northern Hills Drug Court Team

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